

Local Non-Profit Increases Help by Getting Organized

It's tough to make a difference in the world when you can't find your keys. As a home-based, non profit with a recent donation of \$500,000 worth of yarn, Kimberly Turnbow knew it was time to call in the professionals.

On November 17th, 2007, a volunteer crew from NAPO – Colorado tackled Warm Woolies' base of operation to restore order and sanity to Turnbow's life and home.

Warm Woolies, in its sixth year of operation, is dedicated to knitting sweaters, hats, mittens and scarves shipped to orphanages in Russia, Mongolia, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, and two Native American Reservations in South Dakota.

The volunteers worked with Turnbow and her star knitting volunteer, Leigh, to separate what would be sold (delicate yarn too fine to survive sleeping on the streets) and what would be used.

What we did:

- Moved the home office downstairs to localize Warm Woolies operations
- Created more room in the yarn storage room by moving racks to the back storage room
- Organized yarn into labeled bins to sort what will be used

We hope that our work with Turnbow has allowed her and her team of 300 volunteers, to warm more than just the hearts of orphaned children around the world.

Note: Missing from the photo is NAPO-Colorado's Carolyn Spottsville